

**No General Meeting  
in December!**  
Instead, It is the Club's  
Annual Holiday Dinner  
Friday December 16, 2011  
6:30pm  
Highlands Country Club  
110 Hiller Drive, Oakland

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## President's QTC

I bring Seasons Greetings to our beloved membership. This month, in lieu of our regular meeting, our club celebrates the holiday season with our annual dinner at the Highlands Country Club in Oakland. 2011 has been a remarkable year with our PACIFICON convention and other club activities which cannot be successful without the tremendous help of our tireless club members who selflessly volunteer their time and expertise.

Next year, our club will host the 2012 ARRL National Convention which will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara. This will be the first time since 1967 that this event will be held in the ARRL Pacific Division and we all look forward to showcasing our club's expertise and ability to the national amateur radio scene.

--- John Ronan, K3ZJJ, President



**Seasons  
Greetings !**

## MDARC Club Meeting minutes

November 18, 2011

Presided over by John Ronan, K3ZJJ  
President

The meeting took place at 7:35 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Carol Lane in Lafayette, Ca.

The meeting opened with the introduction of our president-elect for 2012 who gave a brief description of his background.

Misa Siemons briefed the members on the 2011 Xmas party saying that it would be held at the same location as last year, on Hiller Drive, Oakland and the cost will be \$25 per adult with a reduced price for children. There will be an open wine bar. More details are available on the club website.

Guests, new members and new licensees were introduced

At 7:47 pm President John called for a motion to adjourn and proceeded to introduce the evening's presentation.

The presentation was given by Bart Lee, K6VK. The subject was Electro Magnetic Pulse and Coronal Mass Ejection and the effects of these phenomenon on world-wide communications and power grids. This information was well received as there were numerous queries from the members.

There was a question from a member about the financial results of Pacificon. President John explained that those figures were not yet available due on-going negotiations with the Marriott Hotel and collection of receipts from all vendors. He estimated, approximately, a net of \$8,500.

A member asked about the Satarn turkey collection for the evening. Lauren, WA6CIE said they had collected 19 birds and as yet, uncounted amount of cash money.

A short briefing about the 2011 Field Day was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Richard Fletcher, AF9RF  
Secretary

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# PACIFICON Awards Ceremony October 15, 2011

## Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara, California



ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG and ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R with award recipients Club Director Jim Siemons, AF6PU and Club President John Ronan, K3ZJJ. *Photo by N4DLA*



Flea market and displays in the parking lot and a view inside the exhibit hall at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel during PACIFICON, October 15, 2011  
*Photos by N4DLA*





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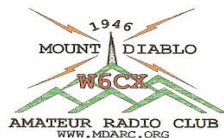
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# **FIRST CLASS**

### **W6CX Nets and Repeater Frequencies**

*Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+*

*Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+*

*Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+*

*Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+*

*Tuesday 7:30pm Fat City 10 meter SSB/CW Net 28.420 MHz*

FM 147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz - EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057  
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

**D-STAR** 147.425 offset minus 1 MHz

<http://www.dstarusers.org/viewrepeater.php?system=W6CX> Dashboard link is: <https://64.81.254.107/status.html>

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs 1241.25 MHz AM 919.25 MHz AM

**ATV Internet Stream:** <http://www.w6cxatv.net/live>

### **Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets**

*Every Thursday, 7:00 pm*

*Central County 145.680 Simplex*

*East County 146.535 Simplex*

*South County 146.355/+ (100 PL)*

*West County 145.110/- (107.3 PL)*

**HF Net 8pm First Thursday of each month 3.890 MHz LSB**

### **December 2011 and January 2012 Club Calendar**

**Friday December 16, 2011 6:30pm MDARC Holiday Dinner - Ticket Orders Were Due by December 9**  
**Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Drive, Oakland**

**Saturday January 7, 2012 9:00 am MDARC Technical Committee**  
*Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg*

**Monday January 9, 2012 7:00 pm MDARC Board Meeting - DATE CHANGE**  
*Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek*

**Friday January 20, 2012 7:30pm MDARC General Meeting**  
*Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette*